

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: U.S. STATEMENT AT PLENARY, 2/18/76  
ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 58

1. FOLLOWING IS U.S. STATEMENT MADE 10:30 AM PLENARY,  
18 FEB 1976:

BEGIN TEXT.

MR. MINISTER, THIS MORNING I WILL GIVE YOU OUR SPECIFIC  
COMMENTS ON YOUR PROPOSAL OF FEBRUARY 16, AND THIS AFTERNOON  
WE WILL PROVIDE A TEXT EMBODYING OUR VIEWS OF AN APPROPRIATE  
AGREEMENT ON CONFIRMATION OF VERIFICATION EQUIPMENT.

ON FEBRUARY 16, YOU HANDED TO THE US SIDE YOUR PROPOSED  
TEXT FOR PARA 4 OF US ARTICLE VII.

IT IS THIS TEXT TO WHICH MY COMMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED.

ON FEB 16, YOU ALSO NOTED THE CONNECTION OF THIS  
TEXT WITH PARAGRAPH 3.

WE HAVE PREPARED A REVISED TEXT FOR PARAGRAPH 3 (SEPTTEL)  
WHICH WE CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATE PROVISION IN THE CONTEXT OF  
YOUR PROPOSED APPROACH TO CONFIRMATION OF EQUIPMENT.

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THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS TEXT HAVE ALREADY BEEN

DISCUSSED IN WORKING GROUP I.

THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FIRST SENTENCE IN YOUR DRAFT OF  
PARA 4, INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISCUSSIONS  
OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS, DOES NOT PRESENT THE US SIDE WITH  
ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM.

OUR TEXT, CORRESPONDING TO THIS FIRST SENTENCE, WILL  
SEEK ONLY GREATER CLARITY.

THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR SECOND SENTENCE, PROVIDING FOR  
CHOICE BY THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION, IS  
ACCEPTABLE TO US.

WE WILL SUBMIT AMENDED TEXT FOR YOUR THIRD SENTENCE  
TO PROVIDE FOR CONFIRMATION THAT BOTH SETS OF EQUIPMENT ARE  
IN PROPER WORKING ORDER.

OUR TEXT OF YOUR FOURTH SENTENCE WILL PROVIDE THAT  
CONFIRMATION OF PROPER WORKING ORDER IS DONE SO AS TO  
MAKE THE SET CHOSEN FOR USE AVAILABLE TO DESIGNATED  
PERSONNEL AT THE EXPLOSION SITE NOT LATER THAN 15 DAYS  
BEFORE BEGINNING OF EMPLACEMENT OF EXPLOSIVES.

OUR TEXT FOR YOUR FIFTH SENTENCE WILL BE AIMED AT  
INCREASED CLARITY.

OUR TEXT FOR YOUR SIXTH SENTENCE WILL NOT PROVIDE FOR  
THE RIGHT TO RETAIN THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT BY THE PARTY CARRYING  
OUT THE EXPLOSION.

IN SUMMARY, OUR TEXT FOR PARA 4 WILL PRESENT  
PROVISIONS WITH REDUCED SCOPE OF EXAMINATION OF THE SET  
OF EQUIPMENT CHOSEN FOR USE IN LIGHT OF LQE AND AMENDMENT  
CONCEPT OF CHOICE THAT YOU HAVE INTRODUCED IN YOUR PROPOSAL.  
THAT, COMBINED WITH THE EXTENSIVE RIGHTS OF  
EXAMINATION AND OTHER ASSURANCES PROVIDED TO THE PARTY  
CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION UNDER YOUR BASIC PROPOSAL,  
SEEMS TO US ENTIRELY ADEQUATE.

END TEXT. STOESEL

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